

the importance of physical activity and living a healthy lifestyle within their school's student body. As a 2006 recipient of the Keystone Healthy Zone School mini-grant, the elementary school has launched a Walking Club to incorporate nutrition and physical fitness into their learning environment.

This year, the Sugar Grove Elementary School Walking Club established a goal to cover 100 miles by the end of the school year. To achieve this, students dedicated the first 15 minutes of their daily recess to walking. Rain or shine, outside or inside, the students of Sugar Grove Elementary School kept their commitment to healthy well-being and rigorously incorporated exercise into their daily school routine.

To encourage students along the way, the Pennsylvania Advocates for Nutrition and Activity (PANA) awarded the Sugar Grove Elementary School with a walking shoe charm for every mile mark they crossed. In addition, the outstanding leadership of the school's administrators and teachers as well as the guidance and support of local community volunteers helped to further motivate the students as they strived to achieve their goal.

On May 31, 2007 the Sugar Grove Elementary School will cross the finish line and achieve their goal of 100 miles. Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me at this time in congratulating the students of Sugar Grove Elementary School for their grand achievement. I wish them all continued success in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF SHIRLEY KAY FEGAN

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Shirley Kay Fegan on the occasion of her retirement after 50 years of dedicated service to the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Before rising to her present role as head of school at The Congressional Schools of Virginia, Ms. Fegan spent many years raising awareness about poverty and cultivating her passion for education.

Upon graduating from Georgetown University, Ms. Fegan traveled to Central America, where she worked with the Alliance for Progress to aid indigenous populations. Impassioned by this experience, Ms. Fegan returned to the Washington, DC area, where she developed programs through the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) to support migrant laborers. Ms. Fegan then applied the skills she had developed at OEO to the District of Columbia, helping to establish the first inner city HMO. Not only did this endeavor succeed in helping those affected by the 1968 riots, but the project eventually culminated in the opening of a 63,000 square foot facility which provides medical, dental, and pharmaceutical services.

In 1979, Ms. Fegan began working at The Congressional Schools of Virginia, where she has made a tremendous impact on students and faculty alike. Her presence was felt from the start as she applied her knowledge of the non-profit field to help restructure the institu-

tion and organize a volunteer school board. After becoming head of school in 1992, Ms. Fegan launched a series of initiatives that have led to the creation of strong athletic and community service programs. She has also been instrumental in incorporating information technology into the school's classrooms.

Whether Ms. Fegan was raising awareness on behalf of minority communities, making an impact on the District's inner city areas, or helping transform The Congressional Schools of Virginia into a first rate learning institution, Ms. Fegan has always dedicated herself to the serving others.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to commend and congratulate Ms. Fegan on all of her achievements. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding Shirley for her past accomplishments and in wishing her continued success in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. HOWARD E. LEFEVRE

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, It is with great pleasure that I recognize the 100th birthday of Mr. Howard E. LeFevre.

Such a milestone is certainly deserving of recognition. Mr. LeFevre has been an eyewitness to some of the most tumultuous events in human history. Two World Wars, the birth and demise of the Soviet Union, the first flight of an airplane, and space travel are all examples of events that have transpired in his lifetime.

His life has been marked by his service and generosity. Service to others and service to the community are timeless American traditions and hallmarks of what has made our nation so great. Mr. LeFevre's leadership and strength of character have enhanced every organization under his care and positively influenced countless members of our community.

Mark Twain was right when he observed, "Only he who has seen better days and lives to see better days again knows their full value."

Please allow me to join his family and friends in wishing him all the best.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL STEWART NAVARRE, USMC

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30 years of exemplary service that COL Stewart Navarre of the United States Marine Corps has given to this great country.

Colonel Navarre has served in many capacities since graduating Marine Corps Basic School in 1977. He served as Rifle Platoon Commander and Commanding Officer and as the Commander of the Fifth Marine Regiment in Iraq. In 2004 and 2005 he oversaw and coordinated the training and operations of the Iraqi Army and Police in the Marine sector of

Iraq. Colonel Navarre is currently assigned to Camp Pendleton where he lives with his wife, Yana Lahanis.

As Chief of Staff for all Marine Corps installations west of the Mississippi River, he is a trusted advisor and true advocate of our troops. Over the years he has selflessly dedicated his life to injured Marines and their families by promoting community involvement, assistance for disabled Veterans, and support to troop family members.

In his 30 years of military service Colonel Navarre has proven himself an able and willing leader. He has received the Legion of Merit, an award given for exceptional service in a time of war or peace. He also received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the third highest peacetime defense award.

On behalf of the people of the United States, whom Colonel Navarre spent a career serving, I thank him for his service and commitment to the defense of our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL BEN DESILETS

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. LaHOOD. Madam Speaker, I submit the following article for the RECORD.

ELMWOOD: CITY MOURNS LOSS OF MARINE

ELMWOOD.—The city continued to grieve the loss of part of its "family" Wednesday, mourning the death of Lance Cpl. Ben Desilets, killed in action in Iraq.

"What people don't understand about Elmwood, it's a family. When we lose one person, we all lose," said Elmwood High School English teacher Cathy Meyers.

Nearly every flag in Elmwood was flying at half-mast to honor Desilets.

The 2004 Elmwood High School graduate and another Marine were killed Tuesday in the Anbar province of western Iraq, where Desilets was deployed with 3rd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment. Officials with the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Lejeune, NC., declined to comment on how he died except to say it was during combat operations.

A statement from the family stated Desilets, 21, had been behind the wheel of a Humvee when he died in the early morning hours. The other Marine was Cpl Julian M. Woodall, 21, of Tallahassee, Fla.

"He thought he was doing good," said his mother, Brenda Desilets. "I was proud of him. It made him grow up a lot."

Desilets had been in the Marines since September 2004. He joined, in part, to support his 3-year-old daughter, Kyra.

It was Desilets' second tour in Iraq.

HONORING MR. MICHAEL HOGAN OF HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204 ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional educator in my district, Mr. Michael Hogan. For 30 years, Mr. Hogan has devoted his time and energy to the

students and families of High School District 204 in Cook County. Now, as he prepares for his retirement, I would like to thank him for his years of dedicated service.

Mr. Hogan's decision to become a teacher led him to college to complete his degree and education certification in 1978. To finance his education, Mr. Hogan took on a wide variety of service jobs, where he developed a disciplined attitude and strong work ethic that continues to guide his life. Mr. Hogan's awareness of the importance of family, friends, integrity, and career is the foundation of his professional success, and has led his colleagues and the communities he serves to hold him in the highest regard.

Mr. Hogan began his career in education as a special education teacher at Lyons Township High School, serving students who felt disconnected from their families, school, and peers because of emotional and behavioral disabilities. He provided the structure, empathic concern, and skill-building activities that his students needed to allow them an opportunity to develop trusting relationships with others and graduate from high school to become productive citizens. Mr. Hogan later became the Dean of Students in High School District 204. Again, his commitment to teaching the skills of responsible decision-making and his willingness to help individuals understand and assume responsibility for their actions resulted in a positive, life-changing experience for countless students.

For the final 15 years of his career, Mr. Hogan has served as Associate Principal, dedicating himself to his principle of "making the school work". His fairness, integrity, and meticulous attention to detail have impacted the daily lives of all those he has served: the faculty, staff, and families of Lyons Township High School.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Michael Hogan as an outstanding educator, and recognize his tireless efforts to educate and develop generations of confident, responsible, and disciplined students. He has done nothing less than an extraordinary job in preparing future generations for their challenges ahead. I thank and congratulate Michael for his service and dedication and wish him a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

HONORING THE TEXAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, I am proud to stand before you today in celebration of a truly historic achievement by the Texas City Police Department. On February 13th of this year, the Law Enforcement Recognition Committee Foundation Board officially voted to bestow the Recognized Status Award for Best Business Practices upon the Department, making the Texas City PD the first recipient of that award in the entire state.

The Texas Recognition Program is designed to assist law enforcement agencies meet their professional obligations in an efficient and effective manner. To be eligible for recognition under this program, an agency must meet or

exceed up to 152 Best Practices Standards in all aspects of law enforcement operations, including policies, procedures, equipment, facilities, and management.

Under the leadership of Chief Robert J. Burby, the employees of the Texas City Police Department have worked hard to merit this great honor. I believe it is fitting that, as Texas City Mayor Matt Doyle remarked at the State Certification Award Ceremony on March 22nd, the Texas City Police Department will be remembered as "The Model. The First for Others to Follow."

CONGRATULATING GORDON G. MARTIN ON BEING NAMED THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER'S 2007 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gordon Martin on being named the Montgomery Advertiser's 2007 Citizen of the Year and to offer heartfelt thanks on behalf of the people of Alabama for his exemplary philanthropic service to both the city of Montgomery and the State of Alabama.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Gordon has received several degrees, including a bachelor's and juris doctorate from the University of Alabama, as well as a master's degree in public administration from George Washington University.

His dedication to public service began early. While an undergraduate at Alabama, Gordon was elected president of the student government association and was inducted into several academic and student honor societies, including Capstone Men. As a graduate student studying in Washington, D.C., Gordon and several others founded DC Cares, which has grown to be the largest volunteer clearinghouse in our Nation's Capital.

Gordon's commitment to public service only continued when he moved to Montgomery, where he now serves as vice-president of Alabama Power's Southern Division. He currently sits on the boards of more than a dozen civic groups and charities. He is chairman of the Montgomery Riverfront Development Foundation, president of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, chairman-elect of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the boards of Huntingdon College and the Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

Madam Speaker, Gordon G. Martin has dedicated his life to the service of others, all-the-while being a devoted husband and father to four children. I ask my colleagues to join with me in thanking Gordon for his commitment to so many wonderful philanthropic missions.

I know his wife, Margret; his four children, Tucker, Bailey, Perry, and Lilly; and his many friends join with me in praising his many accomplishments. On behalf of all who have benefited from his good works, permit me to extend thanks for his many efforts in making Alabama a better place to live and work.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GARY WADDELL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gary Waddell, a Senior Television Anchor and community philanthropist.

Mr. Gary Waddell is a graduate of Brown Institute of Broadcasting in Minneapolis, and attended the University of Minnesota. Mr. Waddell began his broadcasting career working as a disc jockey for a local radio station while in college. He was a reporter for WFLD-TV in Chicago, and covered the 1968 Democratic Convention as well as the federal trial of the Chicago Seven. In 1971, he moved to Las Vegas to work for KORK-TV as an anchor. Mr. Waddell is currently the Senior Television Anchor at KLAS-TV and has been an anchor with the station for over 20 years.

In addition to his professional career, Mr. Waddell contributes his time to many charitable events and organizations in Southern Nevada, including the Lied Discovery Children's Museum, the Nevada Senior Games, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Kiwanis Teacher of the Year Awards and the annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign. Mr. Waddell also is a member of the Board of Directors for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Mr. Waddell was honored with the Best Television Anchor Award by the Las Vegas Review Journal's "Best of Las Vegas" poll and along with his colleague Paula Francis, received the Best Anchor Team Award in the Women in Communications Electronic Media Awards.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Gary Waddell in his efforts to help make Southern Nevada a better place. I applaud his willingness to help others and wish him the best.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF RACHEL CARSON

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Rachel Carson and to commemorate her 100th birthday this Sunday, May 27.

Rachel Carson was an author, environmentalist, scientist, and poet. She was also a person with the courage to speak out against policies that harmed the environment.

In 1945, the U.S. Government was increasingly using chemical pesticides to control pests that were harming agricultural crops. Rachel Carson, living in Silver Spring at the time, was particularly alarmed by insecticide experiments in Patuxent, MD. She worried that the Government was using pesticides indiscriminately, with little regard for the damage they might cause to unintended targets, like other wildlife, or people who would eat the crops.

In 1957, her concerns became reality. Spraying for mosquitoes in Massachusetts, covering Long Island with a mixture of DDT